

SENATE BILL 1862

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to information on child abuse reporting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Every elementary and secondary school shall post in a clearly visible location in a public area of the school that is readily accessible to students a sign that contains the toll-free telephone number operated by the department of children's services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect.

(b) The sign shall be written using a format and language that is clear, simple, and understandable to students. The sign shall additionally also instruct students to call 911 for emergencies and provide directions for accessing the department of children's services web site for more information on reporting abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

(c) Schools shall post the sign at each school campus in at least one (1) high-traffic, highly and clearly visible public area that is readily accessible to and widely used by students. The information shall be on a poster of eleven inches (11") by seventeen inches (17") or larger in large print and placed at eye level to the student for easy viewing. Additionally, the current toll-free department of children's services abuse telephone number shall be in bold print.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.